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Popham Colony

The First English Settlement in New England

Jeffrey Phipps Brain

The Popham Colony Exhibit Opens May 25th

See page 19 for information on related programming.

"The Popham Colony may have been a brief event, but it was also a most significant one for the history of Maine and this country."

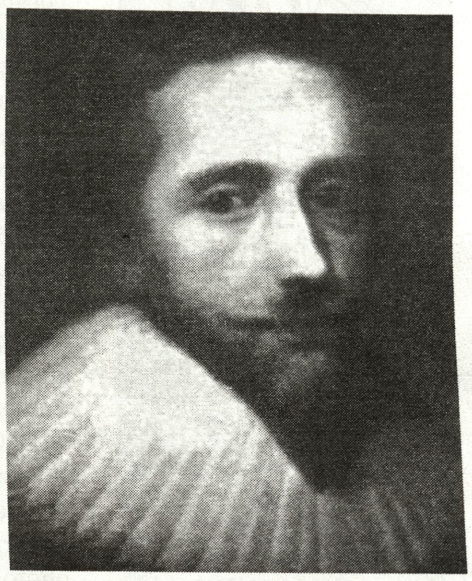
In 1606, the English decided to settle what they called Virginia, which was all that part of the east coast of North America not already seized by the Spanish in Florida and the French in Canada. They sent out two colonies: one settled Jamestown in southern Virginia to fend off the Spanish while the other was sent to northern Virginia, to what we now know as New England, to keep the French from moving south. The Popham Colony was established on the Kennebec River in the summer of 1607. This settlement lasted for a little over a year until it was abandoned in the fall of 1608. The Popham Colony may have been a brief event, but it was also a most significant one for the history of Maine and this country.

The Popham Colony was named after Sir John Popham, who at the time was Lord Chief Justice of England and the principal financial backer of the venture. His nephew, George Popham, was the first President of the Colony. Second in command, with the title of Admiral, was Raleigh Gilbert who was the half nephew of the famous Sir Walter Raleigh. All of these people viewed the New World from a medieval perspective: they shared the conception of American settlement as an undertaking by aristocrats who would transfer all the rights, privileges, and trappings of feudalism to their vast new domains. This flawed dream contained the seeds of failure when the first enterprises fell on bleak shores. Despite the grand geopolitical designs these ventures were focused more on the extraction of wealth from the new lands. Success or failure depended more on economics than ideology.

The colonists arrived at the Kennebec (which they called the "Sagadahoc") River in two ships, the *Mary and John* and *Gift of God*, on August 16, 1607. After a brief exploration, the colonists selected Sabino Head near the mouth of the river as suitable for fortification. On the 19th, the chaplain delivered a sermon, their charter was read, the officers were invested, and they began the construction of a fort which they named "St. George."

There is a drawing of Fort St. George that was made on October 8. It is an extremely important document since it is the only detailed plan known to exist of an initial English settlement anywhere in the western hemisphere. The draftsman is identified as one John Hunt and, although his picture-plan is deceptively childlike at first glance, we have found that he was a master of his art. Hunt drew a completely finished fort with nine cannons, battlemented gates, and at least 25 structures within the compound. This seems unrealistic, considering the drawing was made only seven weeks after construction began. It will also be noted that the pinnace built by the colonists, to be christened *Virginia*, is also afloat and fully rigged. It has always been suspected that Hunt's rendering was more a depiction of aspirations than reality at the time it was drawn.

We know that a storehouse was built: it was the structure most mentioned in the accounts, and of course it was the most necessary. The ships could not leave until it was finished, or at least sufficiently completed to accept storage of the colony's supplies. It may have been the only major structure that was standing at the time Hunt drew his plan.



Raleigh Gilbert

Another structure that we know had actually been built was Raleigh Gilbert's house which is identified as the "Admirals howse" by Hunt. It is mentioned repeatedly in legal depositions taken after the failure of the colony. The deponents referred to a meeting of the ruling council that occurred in Gilbert's house just before *Gift of God* sailed in mid December. The reason for the council meeting was to arrange for the departure of *Gift of God* with half of the colonists. We do not know who was selected to go, or how they were selected; they are simply described as 50 men and boys. The colonists were running out of food, and in order to last out the winter they sent half their number back.

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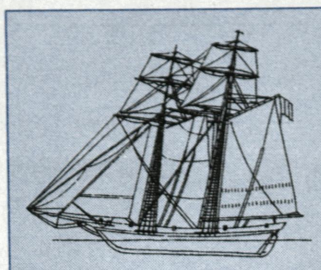

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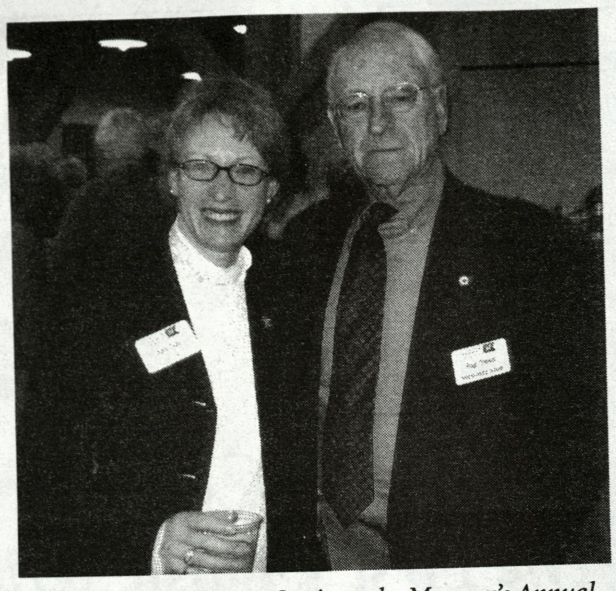
Thank You!

Readers will notice that this issue is larger than usual and for good reason. Each year at this time Maine Maritime Museum recognizes in print the many people who support our mission. Sometimes readers can be overwhelmed by long listings but I encourage you to take a moment and scan the names of your fellow museum supporters and bask in the warm glow of recognition that you deserve for helping us preserve and celebrate our uniquely rich maritime culture.

The many members, donors, businesses, and volunteers whose names you will read in the following pages contributed to a very successful 2006. The Museum experienced growth in attendance, membership, and annual giving. We christened *Wyoming*, opened the *Snow Squall* exhibit, and added new hands-on activities. We announced the $1,000,000 Albert and Thelma Reed Walker endowment gift. We received the Captain W.J. Lewis Parker gift—an unsurpassed collection of books, photographs, and historical documents related to Maine's maritime history. Our small, dedicated staff and over 160 volunteers logged thousands of hours working on the front lines and behind the scenes to give visitors a great experience. There is so much for us to be grateful for!

I'm excited to say that we expect 2007 to be another year of accomplishment. We are overhauling our website, preparing an ambitious strategic plan, making major improvements to our buildings and grounds, and undergoing the American Association of Museums (AAM) re-accreditation process. We are working in collaboration with the Maine State Museum on an important exhibit opening this May about the Popham Colony – the first English settlement in New England 400 years ago. Maine's First Ship and the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor are also contributing to this major exhibition that will be a source of pride for the entire state of Maine. These are ambitious plans and we've been asking for input from members and volunteers and holding roundtable discussions to make sure our new direction will meet the needs of the public we serve.



Amy with Volunteer Ray Swain at the Museum's Annual Volunteer Recognition Party, December 13, 2006

The AAM re-accreditation process, in particular, is an important milestone for Maine Maritime Museum. The Museum was first granted accreditation in 1973, and every ten years since then we've gone through the process again to maintain our accredited status. When a museum is accredited, it means that the institution is upholding the highest standards of practice in public trust and accountability, mission and planning, leadership and organizational structure, collections stewardship, education and interpretation, and financial management. Of the many thousands of museums in America, only about 750 are accredited. The process takes over a year and it requires an enormous amount of work. However, we welcome the opportunity to make sure all our education activities, collections care, policies, procedures, and management practices are meeting the highest industry standards. The Trustees and staff believe we have an obligation as a public trust to ensure that the members, volunteers, and donors whose names are listed in this publication will always be proud to give us their support.

Amy

Amy Lent
Executive Director

You don't say!

Poop (Often seen as poop deck)

English-speakers have been using this word to mean the stern of a ship and, more recently, the aftermost and highest deck, since at least 1489, according to the Oxford English Dictionary (1971 edition). Along with similar words in French, Italian and Spanish, it comes from Latin *Puppis* meaning poop or stern, or doll or small image. Roman vessels often had a sacred image or idol mounted in the stern.

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35th Annual Maritime History Symposium

Albert Reed & Thelma Walker Maritime History Symposium to Feature Watercraft of the Early 1600s

Save the Dates:
May 4-6, 2007

This year's 400th anniversary of the Popham Colony (the first English attempt to settle in Maine) has us thinking about ocean transportation of the early 1600s. So this Symposium will carry this theme: Watercraft of the Contact Period: Wabanaki Craft of the Maine Coast and the European Vessels of Exploration and Settlement. Speakers will make presentations about the wonderfully adaptable craft developed by Native Americans and used with great skill for very ambitious voyaging. Other lecturers will discuss the sturdy European vessels which carried explorers along the coast or brought the earliest settlers to North America. There will also be discussion of reproduction vessels which have been built in the 20th and 21st centuries, of both Native American and European watercraft. How much is known about these vessels of 400 years ago? Speakers will discuss the design, construction, navigation, sea-kindliness, and perhaps living conditions of these vessels.

Steve Cayard will talk about the construction of Native American birch bark canoes, Ben Fuller will discuss the recent project to build a reproduction of George Waymouth's 1605 "lighthorseman" or pulling boat, Kees de Mooy and John Swain will discuss the research and construction of the reproduction of the 1608 John Smith shallop, and John Bradford will talk about the design of the 1608 pinnace *Virginia.* Other speakers are being lined up. We will have a group of old and reproduction bark canoes out for Symposium attendees to examine, from the Museum's collection and elsewhere.

In honor of the extremely generous bequest the Museum received last year, this annual Symposium will henceforth carry the name **Albert Reed & Thelma Walker Maritime History Symposium.** Reed Walker was a regular attendee at the early Symposia, and would have enthusiastically approved of funding this worthy program.

Do not forget: May 4–6, 2007. Information on the complete program will be available shortly.

My Favorite Artifact

Martin Cole

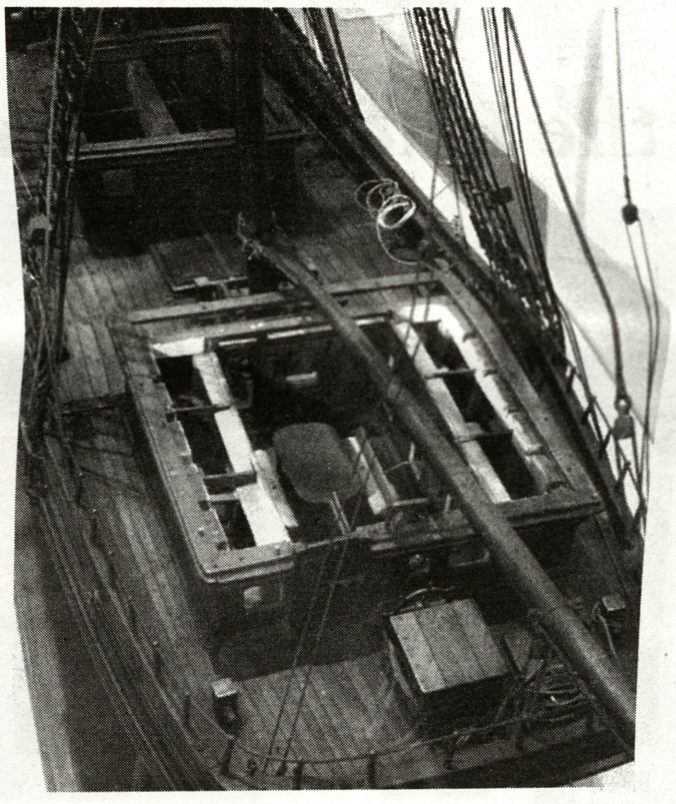
When asked to write a short piece on my favorite artifact in the Museum, I initially said that I couldn't narrow it down to only one. There are so many beautiful and fascinating pieces that I wasn't sure I could pick only one.

But after surprisingly little reflection, I realized that there is one piece that I visit and inspect every time I enter the galleries, even if it's just a quick walk through to look at something else. It's the large ship model of the hermaphrodite brig that sits outside of the theater (now fo'c's'le).

MMM 73.175 Display Model, Hermaphrodite Brig, The Great Patience, *gift of Mr. & Mrs. Edward W. Freeman*

There are several reasons it's my favorite. This model is done in a unique, rather rustic, style compared to some of the more detailed ship models, and yet it faithfully renders all the working components of the vessel. It is a sailing vessel as opposed to motor, which is preferable to my tastes. It is, to me, a beautiful quintessential ship model.

And last, I must admit, is my fascination with the ship's rig designation as a hermaphrodite brig. I imagine youngsters sniggering as they read the placard. And given the rough-hewn personalities we attribute to working seamen, especially in those days, I often wonder how they felt about sailing on a vessel designated with such a label.



All in all, this one artifact combines for me my admiration of sailing ships, fine craftsmanship, and a little ribald humor.

Thanks!

Maine Maritime Museum wishes to thank Studio/Production Manager Steve Marois and Bath Community Television for filming, editing, and broadcasting a tour of the Museum. Look for this informative program on Channel 14 this month!

Upcoming Navigation Classes

Advanced Coastal Navigation

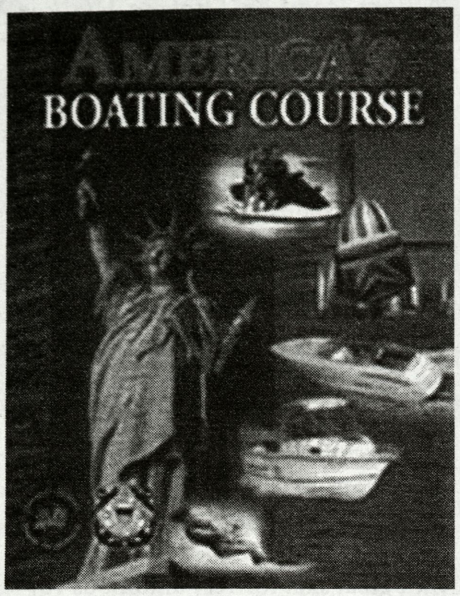
Time/Dates: 7–9 p.m., Tuesdays, April 3–May 22
Fee: Members $30/Non-members $35

Taught by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors, this challenging course will continue on where the basic navigation class left off (a prerequisite). Students will learn how to calculate set and drift, how to use tide and tidal current tables, tidal current diagrams, electronic navigation including the basics of Loran-C, GPS, and radar operation as well as fuel and voyage planning. This course requires 4–6 hours of study and problem solving per week. At the end of the course students will take a general knowledge exam and solve navigational problems on a chart using skills learned. This course uses the same text book as the basic coastal navigation class. Successful completion of the basic coastal navigation class is a prerequisite.

America's Boating Course

Time/Dates: 7–9 p.m., Wednesdays, April 18–May 9
Fee: Members $45/Non-members $50

If you are interested in an exciting, in-depth beginner boating safety course, this is the class for you. The America's Boating Course will answer many of the questions beginning boaters struggle with and will give participants the knowledge needed to safely operate a boat. Course content includes: introduction to boating, boating laws, boat safety equipment, safe boating practices, trailering and storing your boat, introduction to waterway navigation, and avoiding and dealing with boating problems. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course. Class space is limited to 25 students.



For more information on either of these classes or to register, please call (207) 443-1316 ext. 0.

Tour the Hudson River Valley

Teal

The September tour of the Hudson River Valley with Miriam and Charles Butts will provide many opportunities for "A New Look at the Scenic Hudson River."

Among the highlights of the trip is a three-hour cruise from Kingston, New York on the 70-foot motor vessel *Teal.* On board *Teal* guests will enjoy a lovely buffet lunch while taking in broad views from the water of the diverse scenery and mansions of wealthy 19th century landowners.

The story of cleaning and protecting the waters of the Hudson, which had been criminally polluted for years, is a dramatic one. The Hudson's Riverkeeper will tell of the ongoing efforts to enforce regulations and institute programs to eliminate the flow of industrial waste and agricultural chemicals. Major steps have restored the River's ability to support marine life and improve the valley's economy, as well as enhance its charm and beauty.

Members will travel in a comfortable touring motor coach, have first class hotel accommodations, and enjoy carefully selected menus at all meals on this trip from September 26–30. Full details will be mailed to Museum members. For questions or additional information call (207) 443-1316 ext. 0.

2nd Annual Volunteer Fair—Saturday, March 31

Members of the Volunteer Council will host Maine Maritime Museum's 2nd Annual Volunteer Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. This is a great opportunity for area residents to have their interests matched with satisfying volunteer opportunities. A number of volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and tours will be offered throughout the day. Currently we have openings for: administrative help, greeters, shipyard tour guides, theme tour guides, *Sherman Zwicker* and Donnell House docents, launch tank and other shipyard demonstration leaders, maintenance (mowing and gardening), and the Library and curatorial department. Though some of these positions are available all year, many are needed only for the "season," Memorial weekend through Columbus Day.

Maine Maritime Museum offers numerous training opportunities for new volunteers, as well as refresher training for experienced volunteers (see page 17). In addition to acquiring training for the job, the Volunteer Program offers a number of opportunities to network with other members of the volunteer staff throughout the season, and many fun social events.

For more information, visit our website at www.mainemaritimemuseum.org or contact Ann Harrison in the Volunteer Office at (207) 443-1316 ext. 350; Harrison@bathmaine.com

See pages 16–17 for more information from the Volunteer Coordinator's Office.

Cabin Fever Family Festival & "Everybody Loves Pirates" Puppet Show

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007 FROM 12–3:30 P.M.

Join us for an afternoon of fun for the whole family! Get bundled up and enjoy winter with steaming hot chocolate around a bonfire or (weather permitting) sliding down the Museum's shipyard hills. Inside we'll don our Hawaiian shirts and celebrate the more tropical ports of call with fruit drinks, crafts and games. An educational scavenger hunt is sure to shake off the late-winter blues! (Activities are on-going from 12 to 2:30.)

Be prepared for even more fun as the Museum gets invaded by pirates…again! At 2:30 Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers will present "Everybody Loves Pirates", the story of a young girl named Lucy and her weird but enthusiastic friend, Little Chucky, who find a treasure map while fishing and set off to find their fortune. This vibrant and engaging show, appropriate for all ages, features high sea action, lots of detailed props and characters, and, of course, a pirate ship.

Space is limited (fun is not), so please call to make your reservations early. (207) 443-1316 Ext. 0

Puppet Show

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Non-Members: $13 Individuals or $40 for a Family

South Bristol Discovery Boat Building Program Update

THIS PROGRAM IS GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY THE JENNINGS FOUNDATION

Jason Morin

Ten 8th grade students from the South Bristol School have been visiting Maine Maritime Museum every Friday since the beginning of the school year, as has been done for thirteen years. The students have been working on developing skills, using hand tools, practicing measuring and working with fractions. So far this year students have built and taken home a variety of types of joints, tool boxes, and even half-hull models.

Each year that passes, I'm more and more amazed at not only how quickly the students pick up these traditional skills, but I'm also left in awe at how well the students begin working together as a team to solve difficult challenges. I'm also astonished at the strength of the friendships that develop between the students, volunteers and staff who are generations apart. As I watch another year go by, and as we begin construction on this year's fleet of Susan Skiffs, I'm struck by the real product of this unique program. Sure we build toolboxes and half-hull models, we even build two boats which are christened and launched into the sea as the great schooners of Percy & Small once were. Our real product, however, can only be seen by watching these young students grow and take home the hidden lessons learned in this program over the course of the year and to see them mature into outstanding young adults.

South Bristol students Mitchell Kelsey and Sarah Alley lay out their half-hull models.

SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 20

2nd Annual Mariner's Award

On Friday, April 20th, Maine Maritime Museum will present the prestigious Mariner's Award to **Linda Greenlaw** in recognition of her major contribution to the public's appreciation of Maine's maritime heritage.

Greenlaw is the author of three bestselling books about commercial fishing. *The Hungry Ocean, The Lobster Chronicles*, and *All Fishermen Are Liars* spent several weeks on the New York Times Bestseller list. *The Lobster Chronicles* was also selected as winner of the U.S. Maritime's 2003 Literature Award, and in 2004 Greenlaw was awarded the New England Book Award in the category of non-fiction. Weary of writing about her experiences as a fisherman, Linda collaborated with her mother, Martha, and last year released the cookbook, *Recipes from a Very Small Island.* (Linda will be available to sign books at the event; all books are available in the Museum Store and, as always, Members receive 10% off all purchases.)

Mark your calendars now and watch for your invitation in early March, or call (207) 443-1316 ext. 0 for more information or reservations.

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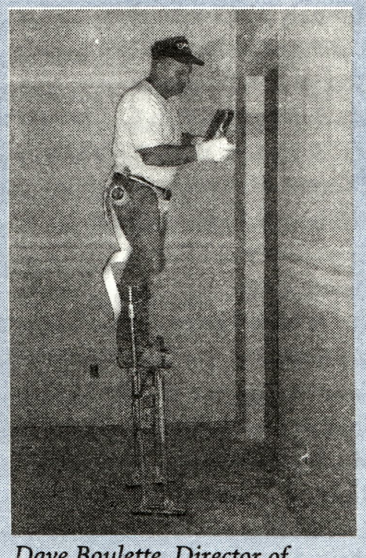
Museum Staff Supports the Community

Georgetown Historical Society is in the process of building new head quarters. Though they spent four years raising money and had enlisted the help of US Navy Seabees to construct the building shell, at the end of last year they found themselves in need of a professional drywaller to finish the building. Aware of his background, a Museum volunteer asked Dave Boulette to bid on the job (not the type to stay idle for long, Dave often takes on weekend work). In early December Dave turned down the job, saying it was too big; on December 16th, however, he showed up and began volunteering. Dave has continued to donate his weekends to the project ever since, and even took a week of vacation from his job at the Museum in early January to help move the project along faster. "Dave has been a real inspiration for us," says Bob Trabona. "Not only is he doing an absolute mind boggling job, but his devotion is inspiring others to contribute their time and labor as well.... We truly would not be able to meet our goal for completion in June without him. We will be forever in his debt."



Dave Boulette, Director of Maintenance and Security

Maine Maritime Museum Welcomes New Staff!

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Museum Float in Bath's Holiday Parade

Twinkling with lights, nautical in flavor yet traditional with a tree and wrapped presents, Maine Maritime Museum participated in Bath's 2006 Holiday Parade last November. Chantey singer Alison Lee Freeman led a group of lobster-hat adorned staff and volunteers in songs of the sea through the streets of Bath; and to the delight of all involved, the Museum won first place in the lighting category!

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Quilt Raffle Winner!

Al Corderman at Donnell House.

Volunteer Al Corderman pulled the winning ticket for the quilt raffle at Donnell House in December. Congratulations to the winner, Charles Shook from Houston, Texas, who couldn't have been happier with his good fortune.

The Museum would like to thank all the Donnell House docents and greeters whose presence allowed the house to be open to Museum visitors from December 13 through 21. Donnell House was adorned with fir boughs and berries, and a Christmas tree with period decorations welcomed visitors into the front parlor for a cup of wassail and cookies. As part of Bath's Bed & Breakfast Open House on the Saturday before Christmas, Donnell House welcomed an additional 70 visitors.

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15-Year Anniversaries Recognized
at Annual Holiday Recognition Party

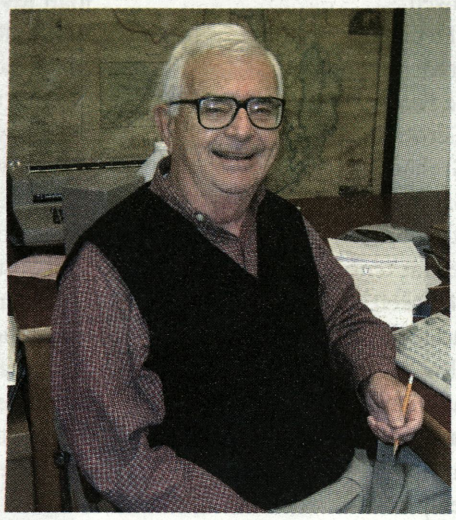
The 2006 Holiday Recognition Party held in December was a chance for Maine Maritime Museum to honor all its volunteers. Special recognition was given to new volunteers who had contributed 300 hours or more during the year, and to those who had achieved 5, 10, and 15-years of service. Here we feature four volunteers who recently marked their 15th year at the Museum.

Phil Souza
pictured with wife Polly

"I can't remember when I was not a fan of Marine History. My stint on a destroyer in the Pacific during WW II just reinforced that interest. I have also enjoyed most of the works of C. S. Forester, Patrick O'Brien and others. This sparked my first interest in the Museum. Once I joined as a Volunteer, I immediately became involved in its many activities, from teaching in the FLEX Program, to joining the work of establishing new exhibits and building new floating dock sections, to doing special projects for the Maintenance

Department, to distributing Museum brochures in the Portland area, and to serving, briefly, on the Volunteer Council. But what I enjoyed the most were my many years as a Tour Guide for the Monday morning Shipyard Tours. When I reluctantly decided it was time to do something else, I was accepted as a novice in the Curatorial Department, where, after a period of some hands-on training, I'm currently thoroughly enjoying each new, interesting project that Chris Hall has given me. In each of these Museum activities, I have really enjoyed getting to know and enjoy working with many of my fellow Volunteers, as well as the Museum Staff."

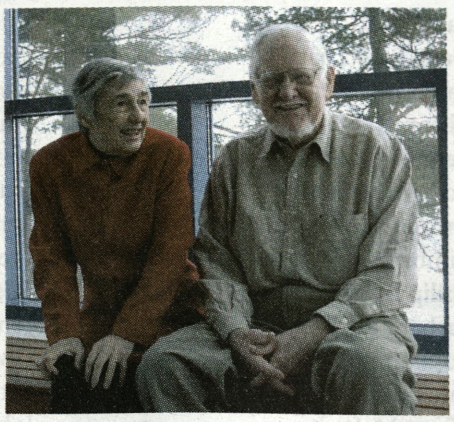
Todd Poole



"All my life I've been associated with the sea, with maritime affairs and commercial affairs—small and large; boat racing, and selling fishing products. By working with the Museum, I could be close—more or less—to all of the above. After I had been here for awhile, I was able to do research on the fishing vessel I had been on for over a year and a half—that was exciting." Since becoming a volunteer in 1992, Todd has accrued over 2700 hours of volunteer service. A graduate of Yale University, Todd spent his career operating a small family business, and was active in community and regional organizations. His hobbies include carpentry and sailing.

Alice & Alan Stewart

When asked why she comes back year after year to volunteer in the Museum's Library, Alice replied, "Why not? The work needs to be done and I enjoy it! It's nice to be useful, and all my training can be applied to an infinite array of library projects." Receiving her Blue Pin in 2000 after 10 years of being on the volunteer staff, Alice continues to volunteer in the Museum's Library, where she has worked since joining the Museum's



volunteer staff in 1991, logging in an impressive total of over 1400 hours over a 15-year period. Certified as a professional librarian in New York and New Jersey, Alice's career has taken her from a reference librarian in a public library to Director of the Learning Center at the Helene Fuld School of Nursing in New York City. In addition, Alice was a teacher of mathematics in three states, and educational Media Specialist in New York and New Jersey. She was also in leadership positions with the PTA, Literacy Volunteers, and Girl Scouts. Since being with Maine Maritime Museum, Alice has devoted her energies to cataloguing the Library's books and transferring them to the Library of Congress. Alice resides in Bath, with her husband, Alan (see next).

"I'm a bit of a ham—I very much enjoyed teaching the last few years before I retired, and being a Tour Guide gave me a chance to continue instructing. And answering inquires through the Library gave me a chance to do fascinating research, which I love to do." An indefatigable scholar, Alan has researched countless artifacts in the Museum's collection and developed interpretive narratives for tour guides. His work continues to instruct and inform new volunteer staff who become tour guides either in the galleries, the shipyard, or at Donnell House. Among our volunteer staff, there may be no one more knowledgeable on these subjects than Alan, who currently leads a tour focusing on the Museum's maritime art collection, and is one of the docents at Donnell House. Alan has accrued nearly 2000 hours of volunteer service over 15 years. A retired mechanical and systems engineer and consultant (largely naval systems), Alan also was an Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science. He holds a Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics. His volunteer experience includes the United Fund and serving on a Vocational Training Advisory Board in New York.

2007 Volunteer Calendar— *At a Glance*

March 14, Wednesday
1 p.m.
Volunteer Meeting

March 31, Saturday
10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Volunteer Fair
(See Volunteer Training dates in April and May elsewhere in this section)

June 13, Wednesday
5–7 p.m.
Volunteer Picnic

July 11*, Wednesday
Summer Cruise

September 12*, Wednesday
Off-Site Activity

October 10, Wednesday
Recognition Event

November 14, Wednesday
1 p.m.
Evaluation Meeting

** Tentative date*

And Special Thanks to . . .

the hospitality crew who planned, shopped, decorated, cooked and served our guests at the Annual Recognition Event; they even provided holiday tree decorations for each guest to take home. This hard-working and capable team includes John Webster, Gloria and Les Pelc, Frank and Kathy McKinnon, Connie Lewis, Cal Hooker, and Midge Connolly. "Santa" was once again brought to life by Ivon Boyer who handed out gifts donated by the appreciative Museum staff. Buzz and Tina Sawhill did a great job greeting our guests and making sure each had a nametag, program, and raffle ticket. And we can't forget the Trustees, members of the Volunteer Council and Museum staff who all supported this festive event.

Spring Volunteer Staff Training Schedule

From Memorial Day through Columbus Day, the Museum's front-line Volunteer Staff play a necessary role offering guided tours or demonstrations to Museum visitors; spring training sessions for these public positions will be held in Long Reach Hall. For the first time, Maine Maritime Museum is pleased to offer the S.E.A. Time training sessions, lead by Curator and Library Director, Nathan Lipfert, **FREE** to Members. Please contact Ann Harrison in the Volunteer Office at (207) 443-1316 Ext. 350 or harrison@bathmaine.com to sign up.

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION (select one session only)

April 3	9:30–11:00
April 6	1:00–2:30

DONNELL HOUSE DOCENTS (all sessions required)

April 5	9:30–11:00
April 12	9:30–11:00
April 19	9:30–11:00
April 26	9:30–11:00

GREETER TRAINING (select one session only)

April 17	9:30–11:00
April 18	1:00–3:00

CPR & FIRST AID

April 30	10:00–5:00

NEW AND CURRENT SHIPYARD & THEME TOUR GUIDES

May 7	1:00–2:30

New Shipyard Tour Guide Practice (one hour sessions)

May 17	10:00–4:00 Please call to schedule
May 21	10:00–4:00 Please call to schedule

New Theme Tour Guide Practice (one hour sessions)

May 16	10:00–4:00 Please call to schedule
May 22	10:00–4:00 Please call to schedule

NEW LAUNCH TANK GUIDE TRAINING

May 14	9:30–11:00

NEW LAUNCH TANK GUIDE PRACTICE
(30-minute sessions)

May 23	10:00–2:00 Please call to schedule

OTHER NEW SHIPYARD DEMO PRACTICE
(30-minute sessions)

May 31	1:00–4:00 Please call to schedule

SHERMAN ZWICKER TRAINING (Select one session)

June 18	10:00–12:00
June 19	10:00–12:00

S.E.A. (SELECTED EDUCATIONAL ACVITITIES) TIME
Volunteers & Museum Members are welcome to attend!

Percy & Small Shipyard
May 31 — 9:30–11:30

Maine Shipbuilding
June 7 — 9:30–11:30

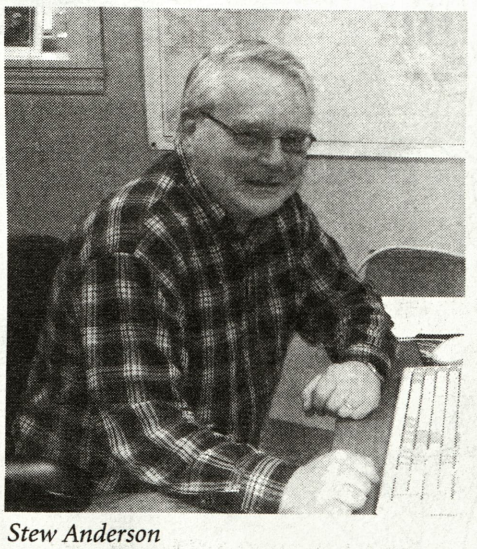
Maine Trade
June 14 — 9:30–11:30

New Exhibit: The Popham Colony & Native Americans
June 21 — 9:30–11:30

New Volunteer Council Members

Connie Lewis of Harpswell and Stew Anderson from Bowdoinham are the newest members of the Volunteer Council, beginning their three-year terms as of January 1st. Connie, a 10-year member of the volunteer staff, has served as a Tour Guide, Greeter, Donnell House Docent, and *Sherman Zwicker* Guide. Connie's experience and expertise, with her connections to both the community and the Museum, are a great plus for the Council. She comments, "This is my 10th year as a volunteer at MMM and I continue to enjoy it immensely. I have been a volunteer in a number of different Museum activities and have found them all very engaging and interesting, as well as fun. Each day brings an opportunity to learn something new about both maritime and local history. Another 'perk' is meeting visitors who come from all corners of the world, but the highlight of being a volunteer a MMM is the camaraderie with my fellow volunteers."

Connie Lewis



Stew Anderson

Stew joined the volunteer staff this past season, and has literally rolled up his shirt sleeves getting involved in various facets of the Museum while working in the Maintenance and Curatorial Departments, as well as serving as a Donnell House Docent. Stew brings a wealth of skills to his position on the Council; and, in the year he has been on the volunteer staff, has gained broad knowledge of the operations and needs of the Museum. Stew remarks, "The Museum offers many opportunities to broaden my knowledge of maritime history. As a student of history, I am continually fascinated by the collections and memorabilia available to Museum volunteers and visitors, and enjoy sharing my enthusiasm."

Other members of the Council are Steve Hobson, Chair; David Dearborn, Lloyd Lowell, John Way, Mary Louise Blanchard, Bill Hetzel, Gloria Momberger-Pelc, and Bob Trabona.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR QUARTERMASTERS' DAY ON MAY 19TH

Help get the shipyard ready for the season! This is a great opportunity for Members to donate a day to the Museum. Interested? Call the Volunteer Office at (207) 443-1316 ext. 350 or email Harrison@bathmaine.com

Popham Colony *Continued from page 1*

After *Gift of God* sailed, 45 colonists were left to winter over. The only ones who can be identified with certainty are George Popham and Raleigh Gilbert. Popham died on February 5, which left Gilbert in charge. In truth, Gilbert may already have assumed much of the leadership. He was the one who went exploring up and down the Maine coast during the fall months, who met with various chiefs, and who was primarily responsible for developing the fur trade.

There is a lack of information about the colony from this point until the following fall when it was abandoned. When the *Mary and John* arrived with supplies in the early fall of 1608, it also brought news of the death of Sir John Gilbert, Raleigh's brother. Raleigh was Sir John's heir, and the lure of title and lands back in England apparently was more appealing than the prospect of life in the wilderness, so he decided to return home and claim his inheritance. The rest of the colonists, bereft of their leaders, also decided to give up the venture and go with him. Thus the fort was abandoned and the entire company embarked on the *Mary and John* and the newly built pinnace, *Virginia*, and set sail for home. "And this was the end of that northerne colony uppon the river Sachadehoc."

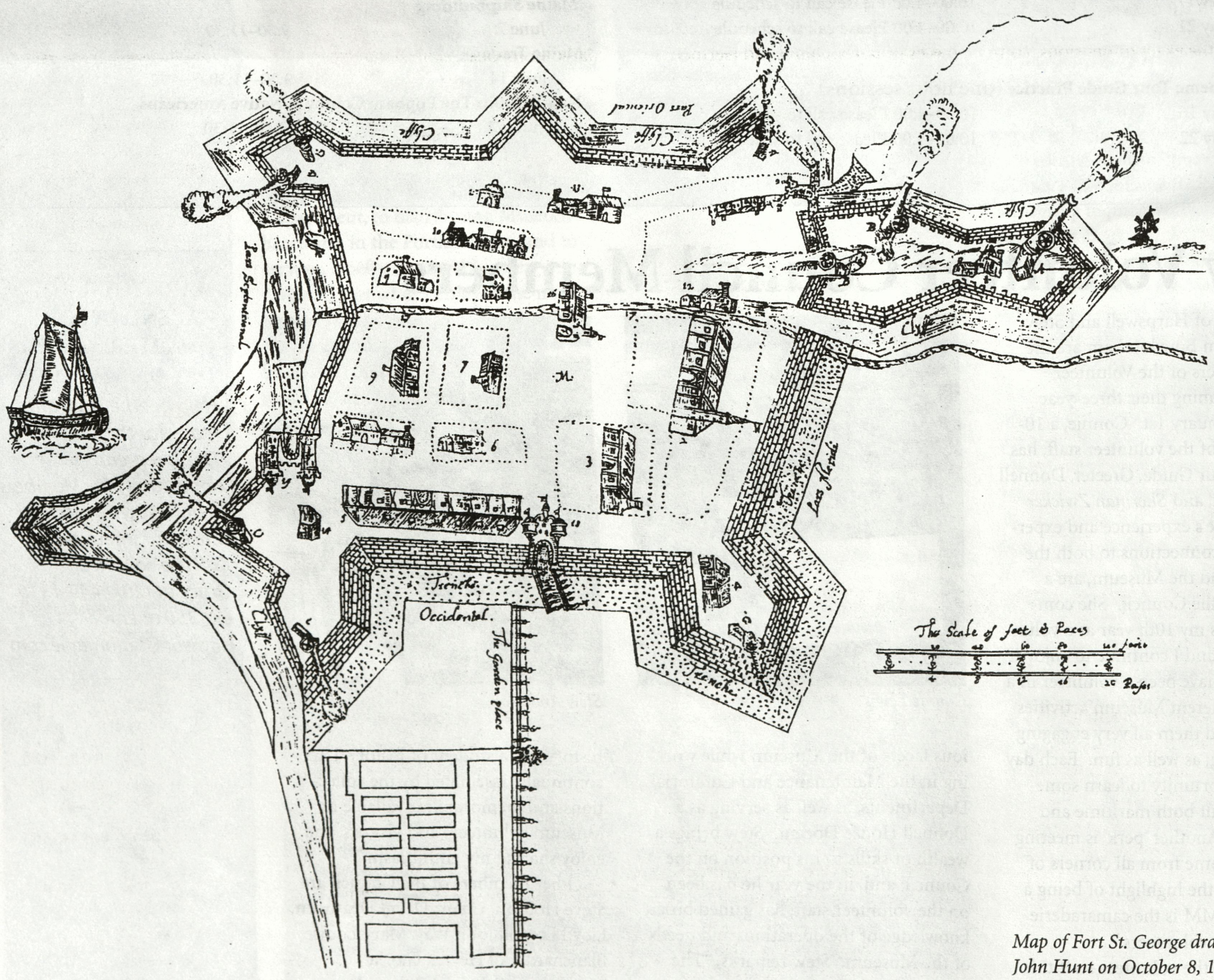
The colonists excused their withdrawal by blaming it on the climate: the Sagadahoc, they said, was "a cold, barren, mountainous, rocky desert" and "an intolerably cold and sterile region, not inhabitable by our English nation." The failure probably owed more to the disappointingly sparse terrestrial resources. The fur trade was not as productive as had been hoped, in part because of deteriorating relationships with the native tribes, and no mines of exploitable minerals had been discovered. But the greatest problem was certainly the loss of leadership and lack of motivation among that disparate band, for when more resolute leaders and colonists were put upon these shores they succeeded. So lessons had been learned and the Popham Colony was an important experience in the ongoing campaign of English colonization.

Thus as a sister colony to Jamestown and the necessary precursor to the Pilgrims, the Popham Colony was a cornerstone in the foundation of English America. This special place in history is greatly enhanced by the fact that the colony was abandoned after a year, unlike Jamestown or Plymouth, and the remains of Fort St. George encapsulate that first crucial year of colonial effort. A unique archaeological opportunity beckoned, but only if the site could be identified and excavated.

The identification of the location of Fort St. George was facilitated by the picture-plan drawn by John Hunt. This extraordinarily detailed document reveals that the fort was a greatly modified version of the standard star fortifications of the period. Clearly, the overall plan of the fort had been adapted to a particular landform. The obvious candidate, a piece of land that manifests topographic features consistent with the plan, is found at the tip of Sabino Head.

The site was first excavated in 1962 and 1964 by Wendell Hadlock, a local Maine archaeologist, but although he recovered seventeenth-century artifacts he was unsuccessful in finding features attributable to a fort. His conclusion was that either the fort had not been at that location, or if it had been there then it had been entirely destroyed, probably by erosion. Because the excavation techniques appeared to be somewhat inadequate, and because we had learned so much more about early seventeenth-century artifacts and archaeology in the thirty years since then, we decided that another look at the site was in order.

Funded by a grant from the Committee for Research and Exploration of the National Geographic Society, we first



Map of Fort St. George drawn by John Hunt on October 8, 1607

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excavated the site in 1994. The principal objective of the excavations was to confirm the location of Fort St. George. We dug for weeks before we found our first indisputable seventeenth-century artifact, but by the end of the excavations we had uncovered a few features that we felt certain dated to the early part of the century and thus represented the remains of Fort St. George.

Therefore, we returned to the site in September 1997, this time funded by a field school run by the Maine State Museum. These excavations focused on the identification of specific structures. First, we located and excavated the storehouse. We found the remains of charred posts and timbers, daub from the walls, and carbonized thatch from the roof. In addition to enlightening us on details of construction, these remains provide evidence that the storehouse had burned, as recorded in some of the documents.

John Hunt confirms the details of construction that we found preserved. His stylistic conventions clearly indicate that the walls between the posts were made of wattle and daub. Hunt also shows that the roof of the storehouse was thatched. It thus was becoming increasingly apparent that the John Hunt plan of Fort St. George is a startlingly accurate document, at least in the case of the storehouse. Hunt's oblique perspective of this structure gives us both the plan and elevation which reveal the exact dimensions, configuration, and details of construction.

The archaeology also revealed what the storehouse contained which tells us much about the material culture and activities of the colonists. Artifacts discovered lying on the storehouse floor include an excellent sample of ceramics from the west of England where the colony was supplied, glass beads and bottle fragments, iron hardware, lead munitions, armor, and other materials definitive of an early seventeenth-century English military camp and trading post. We also found evidence of the one successful accomplishment of the venture, the building of the pinnace *Virginia*: lying on the floor of the storehouse in the southeastern corner was a caulking iron, as evocative an object of shipbuilding as could be imagined. Holding that tool, a well-built *Virginia* and its trans-Atlantic crossings become very real.

After we had explored the storehouse we used it to locate and investigate other buildings shown on the Hunt map. Just south of the storehouse Hunt drew the "Admirals howse." The house of Raleigh Gilbert could be expected to provide a fresh and more personal perspective on the colony.

As drawn by Hunt, the construction of Raleigh Gilbert's house appears to be similar to the storehouse. It was smaller, however, measuring about 30 feet in length and 12 feet in width. Excavations revealed that the house was actually 33 feet by 11 feet, very close to Hunt's measurements. But instead of the timber-framed, post-and-beam architecture that we had found in the storehouse, it is apparent that this building was constructed using more primitive methods. Such housing could be raised more quickly and by less competent hands, an important consideration when it was necessary to raise shelters before the onset of winter.

That a crudely built house was nevertheless the abode of Raleigh Gilbert is abundantly attested when the artifacts associated with these remains are examined. The items are generally finer and more varied than those found in the storehouse. The inventory includes pieces of fancy Dutch and German ceramics, fragments of liquor bottles and wine glasses, glass buttons, decorative beads, lead munitions, and pieces of armor. The presence of the finest ceramics that have been found at the site, as well as numerous fragments of liquor bottles and wine glasses, indicate that the person who lived there set a superior table. The many glass buttons and beads, suggest the dress of a gentleman of standing within the community. The armor and lead munitions are evidence of his military role. All together, the assemblage is most appropriate for a leader of the colony, in this case Admiral Raleigh Gilbert.

In other excavations we confirmed the location of the fortification that bordered the fort on the western side and explored the area to the east of the storehouse and north of Raleigh Gilbert's house where Mr. Hunt shows four structures that are not otherwise mentioned in contemporary documentation. Two of the buildings were confirmed, but the others were not, which again indicated that the Hunt map was a master plan that was drawn up while the fort was still under construction. The map was accurate concerning those buildings that had already been put up, but not all the structures depicted were actually completed.

In summary, we may conclude that Fort St. George was a well-conceived settlement that was built to establish a permanent English presence. The Popham colonists industriously worked together to construct a defensible fort in about a month, while trained carpenters prefabricated and put up a large storehouse, skilled shipwrights assembled from scratch a pinnace that was so seaworthy it made at least two trans-Atlantic voyages, and a military cartographer made a picture-plan of Fort St. George that was state of the art in its precision of scaling and detail. Thus it is apparent that the planning, organization and selection of at least the key people of the colony were far more thoughtful than generally has been credited historically. The foundation of English America was as sophisticated as contemporary means, personalities, ambitions and abilities could provide, but ultimately was subject to the vagaries of fortune that allowed one venture to survive while another failed.

Archaeological excavations at the storehouse in 1999

Save the Date!

Popham Colony Exhibit Opening!
For Museum Members and Invited Guests Only

Friday, May 25, 2007

Officially titled *Popham Colony: The First English Settlement in New England 1607–1608*, curated by archaeologist Jeffrey Phipps Brain, and created in cooperation with the Maine State Museum, this exciting celebration of ten years of archaeology on the colony's site will open with a special Members' preview on the evening of Friday, May 25, 2007. Stay tuned for more details, but plan to come!

Thank You!

We are very grateful to the **Davis Family Foundation** and the **Leonard C. and Mildred F. Ferguson Foundation** for supporting the upcoming Popham Colony exhibit and educational programming.

Popham Programs

POPHAM COLONY LECTURE SERIES

Join us as we celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Popham Colony with this special series. Lectures will focus on the archaeology behind the discovery of this lost colony and the subsequent conservation work to preserve the countless artifacts which have been found. Look for a lineup of speakers in the next issue of *The Rhumb Line* or on the Museum's website (www.mainemaritimemuseum.org) as summer approaches.

Event Schedule

Thursdays at 7 p.m., May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, and September 27.

Fees

Members $5/Non-members $7

The education staff is currently developing three new programs to coincide with the Museum's newest exhibit, *The Popham Colony: The First English Settlement in New England 1607–1608.* These programs will not only be offered as field trips to schools throughout the spring and fall, but will also be made available to the many summer camp programs in the local area during July and August. The themes of these programs include: Understanding Site Selection, Investigating Cultural Differences, and Constructing a Wattle and Daub Hut. Keep your eye on the Museum's website (www.mainemaritimemmuseum.org) for further information as these programs develop.

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Notes from the Orlop

Why is a contraption different from a gizmo?: pull up a deck chair and peruse the latest edition of the Orlop. (www.mainemaritime-museum.org)

Do You Know Where They Are Now?

We are searching for the location of the boats built as part of the South Bristol Discovery Boatbuilding Program. Over the past thirteen years two boats were built in the Museum boat shop by the South Bristol eighth grade students. As part of a project to capture the history of this program we are looking for any information on the original owners and where the boats are now. If you have any information, please contact Joyce Johnstone (207) 443-1316 x 344 or johnstone@bathmaine.com

Puzzlers

A New Puzzler

This gentleman, we are told, was once the skipper of the Eastern Steamship Company vessel *St. Croix*. Well, he is wearing a hat that says "Captain," so that much is true. The photograph was taken by Eric Levine of 483 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA, so perhaps the Captain lived in that area. Do you recognize him? Know anything about who the captain of *St. Croix* was? This picture of the captain came to us along with a photograph of *St. Croix* in her Eastern Steamship Company colors, so he probably commanded her while she operated for ESSC, between 1901 and 1905. She was a 240' wooden screw steamer, built here in Bath in 1895 for the International Steamship Company. She was on the Boston to St. John, New Brunswick route for both International and Eastern Steamship. If you have any ideas, please contact curator Nathan R. Lipfert, 207-443-1316, ext. 328, or lipfert@bathmaine.com.

November Issue's Puzzler

Well, we were inundated with responses on this one. It has been published in many books of Civil War naval history. The first response was from Jim Nelson, who informed us that the youngster is identified as a Civil War-period powdermonkey aboard U.S.S. *New Hampshire*. We received similar information from Kate Beaudette, Capt. Geno Marconi, Scott Shank, and Gordon Stanley. Bill Peterson, my opposite number down at Mystic Seaport, added the information that the picture was taken "off Charleston," probably around 1864 when *New Hampshire* was a store and depot ship stationed at Port Royal, SC. He also knew that the photograph was LC-B8171-4016 at Library of Congress. Sue Bailey gave us many citations for the photo, and B. Dusey responded with the information that *New Hampshire* had Maine connections: she been built at the Kittery navy yard and many years later she was being towed to Eastport for dismantling when she caught fire and sank. But the most startling detail came from Paul G. Powichroski, Ship's Manager at the U.S.S. Constellation Museum. His organization uses the image in their programs, and they were told by Bruce Smith of the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus that *New Hampshire*'s muster rolls show only three boys in 1864-1865, and that only one of them matches the apparent age of the boy in the picture – 13-year-old Aspinwall Fuller, born New York and enlisted at Baltimore. Although our print of this is an old one, it probably has nothing to do with the family history of the donor.